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IN TODAY'S JERUSALEM POST

- Jordan never gained any advantage by sacrificing its own national interests for the mystique of Arab unity, writes Abba Eban. Section A.
- The prospect of thousands of Israeli tourists in Amman, tens of thousands of youths heading toward Petra, has Jordanians worried. Steve Rodan, in Amman, watches Jordanians react to this week's events. Section B.
- A home away from home. Haim Shapiro looks at frugal holiday alternatives away from the big hotels. Magazine.
- Sasa, the first 'American' kibbutz is now 45 years old. Abraham Rabinovich asks the founding members: was it worth it? Magazine.



PM Yitzhak Rabin meets US Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Tel Aviv yesterday as Shimon Sheves looks on. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Christopher calls for accountability from Arafat

DAVID MAKOVSKY

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher yesterday urged PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to cooperate with the international community's insistence on more accountability as a precondition for needed economic aid to the autonomous areas.

Christopher, who held over an hour of talks with Arafat at the latter's makeshift headquarters in Gaza, spent virtually the entire session focusing on the issue of economic assistance to Palestinians in the autonomous areas.

"The donors require documentation," Christopher said, adding, "We are very anxious to help [the Palestinians] understand the need for documentation."

"We discussed the details of economic help. And Mr. Christopher promised to support us to the donors and the World Bank," the PLO leader told reporters at a joint news conference yesterday. Arafat also praised President Bill Clinton as a "friend in the White House."

Meanwhile, Christopher, who returned from Amman yesterday, also held two rounds of discussions with Rabin to discuss the stalled peace talks with Syria. An aide attending the session spoke of a "slight improvement of atmosphere."

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Arafat: My duty to invite Hussein

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, saying yesterday that Israel has no jurisdiction over eastern Jerusalem, invited Jordan's King Hussein to visit the city with him.

"They haven't the right to offer him invitations. It is my duty and my responsibility to offer the invitations to all my brothers and to all my friends to visit the holy city," Arafat said.

"This is the jurisdiction of the Palestinians and I appreciate very much that King Hussein will come to visit the holy city together with me," Arafat said, at a joint news conference in Gaza with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

"This is an invitation from me to his majesty," Arafat said. In response, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said, "The invitation is not invited." Olmert said he and the Jerusalem municipality had invited Hussein to visit the city.

The mayor said city officials would tour with the king, show him the unified Jerusalem, and send him honorably back home. Arafat, who calls for the division of Jerusalem, has no right to invite anyone to visit there, and is certainly not invited himself, Olmert added. D.M.

'Rabin, Hussein will announce ending state of war on Monday'

News agencies

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein will announce ending the state of war between Israel and Jordan when they meet on Monday in Washington, a senior Jordanian official predicted yesterday.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said, however, that the wording of a joint declaration had not yet been formulated and talk of such an announcement was only speculation. He was speaking on his return last night from Cairo.

Negotiators wound up a week of unprecedented peace talks by discussing a free trade zone and

agreeing on a plan to develop the Jordan Rift Valley.

"This is such a rich plan, so full, that if every component of it is realized it will qualitatively change the situation in the region," said Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Eitan Bentsur.

He said the plan would be "declared ceremoniously" at the historic Washington summit between Rabin and Hussein.

Jordanian delegate Munther Haddadin said that yesterday's

talks were intended "to pave the way for achievements" in Washington. "We look forward with anticipation and with high expectations to the trilateral summit," he said.

Meeting at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel, the teams broke down into four groups: trade, finance and banking, Jordan Valley Cooperative projects, Civil Aviation and Tourism. Progress was made in all four groups, officials on both sides said.

The groups discussed a proposal for a free trade zone in Eilat and

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IDF lifts closure on Gaza Strip

ALON PINKAS

THE closure of the Gaza Strip, imposed on Sunday following the riots at the Erez checkpoint, was to be lifted at 3 a.m. this morning. Palestinian laborers holding valid working permits will be allowed to cross into Israel to work.

The decision was reached at a meeting last night at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv. OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilnay and the commander of the Gaza Strip, Brig.-Gen. Doron Almog, both recommended that the closure be lifted and Palestinian residents be allowed to seek work in Israel. Otherwise, the two warned, more riots motivated by economic distress could erupt.

Since the closure was imposed, IDF and PLO representative met several times in Gaza to try to improve procedures at the four Palestinian checkpoints channeling Palestinians to the Erez check-

point prior to entering Israel.

In those talks, the sides decided that the Palestinians will increase the number of policemen deployed at the checkpoints, and that up to 500 laborers at a time will be allowed to proceed to the Erez checkpoint. Those seeking employment who do not have permits will be detained until 8 a.m., when the pressure on the crossing decreases, and will then be allowed to approach officials at Erez to ask for a permit.

Israel will also try to speed up the opening of a new checkpoint, able to process 20,000 laborers.

Meanwhile, Brig.-Gen. Dudi Gazit was yesterday appointed head of the coordination and cooperation office in the Gaza Strip. He is replacing Brig.-Gen. Yom-Tov Samia, who will be appointed to a senior position in the Field Forces Command.

Palestinian security officials defy ban on eastern Jerusalem probes

BILL HUTMAN

PALESTINIAN security officials operating out of Jericho are conducting criminal investigations in eastern Jerusalem, despite the government's ban on such activity.

Palestinian sources said the Palestinian Preventive Security Service plans to open an office soon in Anata, just east of Jerusalem, to oversee its operations

in the city.

The Jerusalem Post has obtained details of two recent criminal cases in eastern Jerusalem in which the Palestinian service became involved. The sources said there were numerous other such cases in eastern Jerusalem and the administered territories, outside

of the autonomous areas.

No comment was available yesterday from the Police Ministry spokesman. Police Minister Moshe Shahal has spoken out strongly against the Palestinians setting up their own law-enforcement apparatus in Jerusalem, charging it is a violation of the Cairo accord.

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Clinton orders plan of action for Rwandan refugees

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Clinton ordered his government yesterday to implement a "practical plan of action" for dealing with an outbreak of cholera in Rwandan refugees.

"We are going to participate, indeed, in trying to lead the United Nations in responding to the cholera problem and dealing with the other aspects of this human catastrophe," Clinton said.

He said he had directed National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, Agency for International Development Director Brian Atwood and the Pentagon "to implement quickly a practical plan of action that can make a difference on the ground" in refugee camps. Earlier story, Page 8.

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Argentina blast

THERE IS STILL SOMETHING FROM THE PEA



Some of the thousands that gathered in front of Tel Aviv Museum yesterday to honor the victims of the blast that destroyed the Buenos Aires Jewish community center. (Aron Ron / Israel Sun)

Two Panama crash victims' bodies returned for burial

THE bodies of Ra'anan Gabai, 26, and Moshe Pardo, 32, two of the four Israelis killed in Wednesday's commuter airplane crash in Panama, were returned here yesterday for burial. Gabai's family lives in Ramat Yishai, and Pardo's in Haifa.

Panama's newspapers yesterday quoted unnamed police sources as saying the evidence pointed to a bomb, but officials urged Panamanians to wait for the results of the investigation, which could take several days.

"We cannot allow speculation to run wild, we must put together all the evidence," Zosimo Guardia, head of Panama's Aviation Agency, told Reuters.

Mourners stood in silence during funeral services Wednesday night for 10 Jewish victims of the plane's 21 passengers.

"We all had family or friends on that flight... we all want to know who might have

done such a thing to us," said Jacky Ekenasy, a director of the local chapter of B'nai B'rith.

Another woman, who did not wish to be identified, said "I lost my son and my husband... I have lost everything."

US officials said a team of US investigators were slated to arrive in Panama to assist in the investigation.

Rabbi Zvi Levi, the chief rabbi of Panama, has asked Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron to send a team to help identify victims of the crash, which also took the lives of several members of the Panamanian Jewish community.

Bakshi-Doron is already providing halachic advice to rescue teams in Buenos Aires in Argentina, where the search is still on for victims of the blast that ripped through the headquarters of two Jewish communal organizations Monday.

Four more bodies found in Buenos Aires wreckage

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Rescuers pulled four more bodies from the ruins of a Jewish community center yesterday, boosting the death toll to at least 39 in the terrorist bomb attack.

At least 157 people were wounded in the blast that flattened the headquarters of two Jewish community organizations on Monday. Jewish groups said 76 people were unaccounted for as of Wednesday night.

Dr. Alberto Crescenti, head of the Emergency Medical System, said the bodies of a young man and woman and two middle-aged men were found early yesterday and taken to a morgue for identification. Fourteen other sets of remains have not yet been identified.

A team of Israeli rescue experts, straining to detect signs of life, has spent two days combing through the debris with sophisticated listening devices, search dogs, special drills and other tools. About 40 Israelis, including some Mossad intelligence agents, were working in Buenos Aires.

"In all ruins there are air holes, so there could be people alive," said OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Ze'ev Livne.

Col. Meir Zamir, the Israeli Embassy's military

attache, said the rescue team would continue working around the clock for three or four more days. Zamir said he believed explosives were placed outside the building.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz yesterday decided to send another forensic team to Buenos Aires, at Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's request. A team specializing in explosives was sent immediately after the incident. The second team includes four officers who are experts in body identification.

US experts are also helping Argentine police examine evidence at the site, the US Embassy said.

President Carlos Menem, in a televised speech Wednesday night, said Argentina would "double its efforts" to find the attackers. Noting no one was arrested in the Israeli embassy bombing, Menem said: "Beasts are difficult to find here and all over the world." Menem called on the whole world to help catch the bombers and asked Jews' forgiveness for allowing it to happen.

"I want to ask forgiveness," Menem said in a nationwide television address late Wednesday.

"In my sorrow, I too am a victim," he said.

IBA condemns ministry for giving transmitter to Palestinians

THE Israel Broadcasting Authority executive committee has unanimously condemned the Communications Ministry's decision to transfer a radio transmitter and frequency without offering the station an alternative.

The committee called on Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni to immediately give the Israel Radio station an alternative frequency and asked IBA direc-

LIAT COLLINS

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Apart from the complaints by the IBA, the Palestinians say the station is being jammed by Ahmed Jibril's pirate station, which used to interfere with Israeli broadcasts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two killed in road accidents

An elderly woman and a three-year-old girl were killed yesterday in road accidents.

In Haifa, the woman, a pedestrian, was hit by a car when she crossed the street in the Hadar Hacarmel neighborhood. An MDA medic pronounced her dead at the scene.

In Kalansuwa, the little girl was run over by the van that had brought her home from her day-care center. An MDA doctor pronounced her dead at the scene. The driver was held for questioning.

Shahal set to deal with gas station strike

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said last night that if gas station owners strike over the weekend, he will issue back-to-work orders to keep them open.

The station owners threatened the strike because of legislation eliminating the minimum distance between stations, which is due to come before the Knesset for its second and third readings next week.

Station owners were to decide last night on whether or not to go ahead with the threatened strike. Energy Ministry officials said they doubted whether all station owners would join the strike, which would make it unnecessary to issue the back-to-work orders. Shahal will hold a meeting in his office this afternoon to decide whether to issue them or not.

Envoy to Dublin to present credentials today

Israel's first ambassador to Ireland will present his credentials to President Mary Robinson this morning, the new embassy in Dublin announced yesterday.

The embassy said the accreditation of Ambassador Zvi Gabai will give Israel permanent representation in all 12 countries of the European Union.

Israel is Ireland's second-largest Middle East market after Saudi Arabia. Its exports to this country amount to \$70 million a year; it imports \$30 m. worth of goods from Israel.

Gabai has been with the Foreign Ministry since 1965 and most recently headed its Middle East division.

Race against time for Clalit recovery plan

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and Kupat Holim Clalit heads will meet again today after they failed yesterday to agree on a general framework for the recovery of the debt-stricken health fund.

Under the NIS 480 million government emergency assistance agreement approved by the Knesset finance committee last month, the sides have until the end of the month to come up with a recovery program for the rest of the year.

Netanyahu tells Hussein he supports peace

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu sent a letter this week to King Hussein, expressing support for a peace treaty between Jordan and Israel.

Netanyahu said all Israeli governments have viewed Jordan as the strategic anchor of any peace settlement to the east. "It is impossible to envision a durable solution to the dispute over the territories that does not address the national interests of both Jordan and Israel," Netanyahu wrote.

"I do not believe we should rush in and impose from above solutions like confederation, which would be inimical to those interests. Instead, we must patiently build from the ground up a new reality that would encourage peaceful coexistence between Arabs and Jews in the territories."

Bezek closing Haifa ship to shore station

Bezek has decided to close its Haifa coastal station, which provides communications and rescue services to ships at sea. Bezek Director-General Yitzhak Kaul said that no public or private body was willing to take on the large expense of running the service.

Kaul said he had been warning the authorities for a long time that Bezek could no longer subsidize the station. The company delayed closing it down several times following pleas from those who use the services provided. Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni was among those who recently asked for a reprieve.

Meshulam followers to stay in jail until end of trial

Jerusalem Post Staff

UZI Meshulam and his followers must remain in jail until the end of their trial, because of the great danger they pose, the Supreme Court said yesterday.

It was ruling on an appeal by Meshulam and eight of his followers against the Tel Aviv District Court's decision to keep them under arrest, and a counter-appeal by the state against the same court's decision to let three of Meshulam's followers out on bail.

In his decision, Justice Ya'akov Kedmi wrote a tirade against Meshulam.

"We are talking about an extremely grave affair: the taking of the law into its own hands and the attacking of policemen doing their duty — with guns, firebombs and other weapons — by a group that barricaded itself in its leader's house and didn't stop at any means to show its power and superiority over the law, out of contempt for the fundamental values of the sanctity of life, the right of others to security and the rule of law," Kedmi wrote.

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Economy and terrorism

AS Foreign Minister Shimon Peres reminded PLO chief Yasser Arafat during one of their negotiating sessions, the population under the Palestinian Authority in Gaza and Jericho is larger than Israel's Jewish population was at Israel's inception. True, the Palestinian area is much smaller, but it has advantages Israel did not have. The most obvious of these are that the Palestinians are not being attacked by six armies nor subject to an ongoing war of terrorism, and that the world community, as well as Israel, is willing to help them with money, expertise and services.

But Arafat seems less interested in developing the areas under his control and improving their inhabitants' life than in complaining to the United States and the United Nations about Israel. Following a riot begun by Gazans, in which his own police shot at Israeli soldiers and civilians, and despite the exemplary restraint of Israeli soldiers, he accused Israel of violating the Cairo agreement. When Israel invited King Hussein to pray at al-Aksa mosque, he protested that Israel was again violating the agreement. He told Secretary of State Warren Christopher that since the mosque is in what he calls Arab Jerusalem, it is Palestinian domain, and only the PLO can extend such invitations.

It was typical of Christopher's admirable, pragmatic approach that in response he suggested that instead of worrying about invitations to Hussein, Arafat get on with the business of running the self-rule areas. It can only be hoped that Christopher also reminded Arafat that unless he can curb the terrorists in his midst, he cannot expect Western governments and private companies to consider investing in these areas.

Christopher should have taken particular notice of the flagrant appearance in the Gaza District of Izzadin Kassam (the Hamas military arm) members in an open press conference, where they took credit for killing Lieutenant Guy Ovadia. Astonishingly, the government, too, seemed to ignore the event. It is one thing to claim that no one can control all terrorists, and that the PLO will eventually either curb the Hamas or persuade it to join the process. But it is quite another to calmly tolerate the refusal of the Palestinian Police to disarm known Hamas gunmen. These policemen, moreover, abet and assist Hamas rioters, display a reluctance to apprehend terrorists who kill Israelis, tolerate almost daily attacks on Israeli vehi-

cles, and participate in Hamas demonstrations. Soldiers who served with Ovadia said at his funeral that the section of the road in which he was killed was a death trap. "Since the autonomy came into being, we've been feeling like we are easy prey for the terrorists," one told a journalist. Israelis would find it easier to understand the risks taken by these soldiers if the Palestinian Police acted as they should have. But all they did after Ovadia's killing was announce that a few suspects had been arrested and that the house from which Ovadia was shot had been demolished.

It is difficult to reconcile these announcements with the press conference held openly by the murderers' associates. Nor is it easy to comprehend why Israel was incensed with Jordan for allowing Hamas representatives to crowd about killing Israelis but is perfectly sanguine about Palestinians doing the exact same thing. At least in Jordan they did not pose armed and hooded for the cameras.

Nor is the situation in the Rafiah area - to which the soldiers referred - an isolated case. The Israeli press has been reluctant to report shooting incidents, ambushes and bombings which do not result in casualties. But in their intent these shootings do not differ from the deadly attacks which do receive attention. In a single unexceptional week ending July 19, there were 13 separate shooting incidents against military and civilian targets, and one bomb explosion in the Beudun market in Beersheba.

By now no one seriously expects Arafat to live up to his commitment and condemn these shootings. Clearly, even if he wants the violence to stop - a doubtful proposition - he is not about to risk his standing by making an unequivocal statement against terrorism only to be ignored. But Israel's silence on these flagrant violations is difficult to understand. Surely the government cannot expect to help the agreement by showing such indifference to violations. Nor can the Palestinians be blamed for assuming Israel is more interested in signing pacts than in having them kept.

Perhaps the only way to convince the Palestinians that terrorism must stop is for the world to warn them that no economic aid will be forthcoming unless violence ceases. The choice should become one between shooting and prospering. The trouble is that the Palestinians seem certain, not without reason, that they can go on shooting with utter impunity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CZECH DENIAL

Sir, - In its editorial, "Buenos Aires again" (July 19), *The Jerusalem Post* mentioned my country in an unfavorable and distorted way, and not for the first time.

This time it was very cynical - I use your own words - and connected the Czech Republic to the tragedy of the Jewish people in Argentina. This linkage, which arouses suspicion in readers' minds that the Czech Republic was connected to the bomb blast, harms Israel-Czech relations and is completely untrue.

I urgently ask you to publish the following official statement by Vladimir Dlouhy, the Industry and Trade Minister of the Czech Republic, who visited Israel this week:

"The Czech Republic has not exported any weapons or weapon systems to Syria since it came into being on January 1, 1993. The Czech Republic has a very strict law for exporting weapons. Every military contract must be approved by the License Office of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and also by the Ministries of Interior, Defense and Foreign Affairs. This system guarantees that the military technique cannot be exported to territories of potential misuse."

Dr. MILOŠ POJAR

Tel Aviv.

EMBARRASSING STATEMENT

Sir, - I was embarrassed by the words and the tone of the Canadian ambassador's response to Israel which I heard on the English morning news on July 13 and 14. I was embarrassed for him, for Canada and for North America.

It is my understanding that ambassadors are messengers of good will to their host countries. Yet when the Canadian ambassador spoke of Israel, his tone was tinged with contempt and arrogance. Surely a sovereign nation, when they are in the midst of sensitive negotiations to the hostile environment of the Middle East, should be able to expect guests from friendly democratic nations to honor their request not to meet with their

SLOVAK PROTEST

Sir, - The Embassy of the Slovak Republic was very unpleasantly surprised that in its editorial, "Buenos Aires again" (July 19), your newspaper accused the Slovak Republic of giving cynical economic calculations priority over moral considerations by selling sophisticated arms to the Syrian dictatorship.

The Embassy of the Slovak Republic strongly protests this accusation. Such accusations have no real basis. Moreover, in a context of this tragic and painful event for the Jewish people, such a charge could harm the good relationships between our two nations.

ERICH SZANTO,
Head of mission

Tel Aviv.

The *Jerusalem Post* based its allegations on reports that the foreign ministry summoned the Czechoslovakian ambassador, Dr. Milos Pojar, in January 1992 to express "disappointment and dismay" about plans by Prague to sell T-72 tanks to Syria, and reports in January 7 1994 that Slovakia concluded an agreement to sell 250 such tanks. Regrettably, it overlooked the denial of the report by the Slovakian foreign ministry, reported in the *Post* on March 7, Ed. J.P.

TRANSPORT 222

Sir, - I am one of the survivors of the 222 Jews exchanged from Bergen Belsen to Palestine in 1944, against German Templers. As reported by Suzanne Glass on July 1, we the survivors, a small group of 45 from 222 Jews, had a reunion together with our families in Jerusalem on July 6 in remembrance of the exchange, which took place exactly 50 years ago.

I was deeply shocked when I heard that Israel Television had refused to show the film *Transport 222* on the date. Was it more important for them to show the World Cup games? Why was this important event completely ignored by Israel Television for the sake of a sports event?

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MONEY OR PRINCIPLES?

Sir, - One of my congregants brought to my attention a very disturbing ad printed in the *International Edition* on May 28. It was headlined "Israel's Kingdom."

This ad advocates a Christian missionary viewpoint, and in fact encourages people to write for more information.

This really has no place in a publication such as yours. Today, countless newspapers are refusing to accept such ads, as they insult the sensibilities of Jewish readers, yet you, a prominent Israeli voice, choose to run it. Do you not know that groups such as Mr. Jarrett's of Kaufman, TX are dedicated to the wholesale conversion of the Jewish people, God forbid?

As a rabbi in Southern California dedicated to fighting the scourge of missionaries, I am deeply hurt that a newspaper such as yours would value the few dollars over the greater principle.

I truly hope you refuse such ads in the future.

RABBI MOISHE LEIDER
San Diego, California

TRANSPORT 222

Sir, - I am one of the survivors of the 222 Jews exchanged from Bergen Belsen to Palestine in 1944, against German Templers. As reported by Suzanne Glass on July 1, we the survivors, a small group of 45 from 222 Jews, had a reunion together with our families in Jerusalem on July 6 in remembrance of the exchange, which took place exactly 50 years ago.

I was deeply shocked when I heard that Israel Television had refused to show the film *Transport 222* on the date. Was it more important for them to show the World Cup games? Why was this important event completely ignored by Israel Television for the sake of a sports event?

VERA REICH

Haifa.

Hussein puts his interests first

ABBA EBAN

THE pioneer of realism in the Arab perception of Israel was not President Anwar Sadat of Egypt. It was King Hussein of Jordan, who was talking amicably with Israeli leaders when Egyptian and Israeli forces were still exchanging bombardments and casualties.

As an ardent Arab nationalist, Hussein would probably have preferred a Middle East without Israel, but he was quicker than any other Arab leader to understand that Israel had passed the threshold of destructibility.

As years went by, he must have become painfully aware that nothing protected Jordan's survival more effectively than Israel's interest in preserving it. Israel made it known throughout the Middle East that an invasion of Jordan by Iraq or Syria would probably incur Israeli intervention. This was a rare case of a deterrent strategy that really worked.

Now Hussein's realism seems about to pay off. A new Middle East is in the making.

The decision of King Hussein, President Clinton and Prime Minister Rabin to confer in Washington is an immense boost for the Middle East peace process. Coming after the establishment of the Palestinian self-governing authority in Gaza and Jericho, it has made Israelis more sanguine about ultimate diplomatic success.

But this does not mean that the negotiations will come to a brisk conclusion. Even the Egyptian-Israeli treaty required 17 months of negotiation after President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in 1977.

Nor will the Jordanian dialogue be free of surrounding contention. Hussein will feel pressure from many Jordanians with strong Palestinian affiliations who wish he would take more militant positions in support of Palestinian independence.

Hussein's biography is studded with disasters that seem to indi-

cate a habit for personal miscalculation. This is only partly true. Jordan's gravest tragedies have flowed from intimidation by other Arab states.

In 1967, Nasser's Egypt tricked Hussein into entering the Six Day War, in which he suffered a debacle. Nasser claimed to have already brought Israel to its knees.

Jordan does not regard itself as the leader of the Arab world, but it may have more to contribute to a system of regional cooperation than any other state.

The proximity of rival ports at Eilat and Akaba, the need for sharing the Dead Sea and the Jordan-Yarmuk water systems, the massive potential for tourism once

And Jordan can do more for regional cooperation than any other Arab state

In the Gulf war, President Saddam Hussein lured King Hussein into the appearance of being on his side. Hussein's position was untenable. Accused in the West of cynical calculation, he alienated his natural allies in America, Europe and Saudi Arabia.

Until recently, it seemed probable that Syria would force its own rejectionist policies on Jordan. But for Hussein to have lagged behind other Arab participants in the peace process would have been reckless.

Jordan never gained any advantage by sacrificing its own national interests for the mystique of Arab unity. How could a disgruntled Syria now do serious harm to a Kingdom of Jordan protected by American support, European sympathy, and a PLO-Israeli agreement without which the Jordanian-Israeli accord would not have been signed?

KING HUSSEIN's slogan today is "Jordanian interests," which are not inferior to other interests. This is the hour for a show of Jordanian self-confidence, and Hussein has, so far, exploited it impressively.

the barriers fall, the rapidity of land communication; the ties of the Jordan population with the self-governing Palestinian areas - all point to a particular intimacy of relations between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians.

As King Hussein looks out across the Jordan, either from the eastern bank or from Akaba, he may well be impressed by the spectacle of an Israeli society in dynamic thrust. His own kingdom too has prospered. Israelis who have crossed over to Jordan speak respectfully of well-tended landscapes, a developed university and hospital network, and a tradition of civility in the working of institutions.

The causes that brought the lengthy Israel-Jordanian talks to deadlock since 1967 are not obscure. Israeli governments, haunted by Arab threats, felt it necessary to claim boundary changes beyond anything that Jordan could accept.

But King Hussein's difficulties were not only territorial. His central concern was whether, as the head of a small country, he could audaciously take responsibility for leading the vast Arab world to

peace with Israel. Was it not the duty of Cairo, Damascus, Baghdad and the holy cities of Islam to carry that burden?

This situation no longer prevails. All Israel's neighbors are now negotiating in detail with Israel beyond the vague formalities of the largely ceremonial Madrid conference. In addition, King Hussein has skillfully passed the Palestinian issue to Palestinian leaders. He must feel satisfied with that decision, since it relieved him of potential responsibility for the chaos in Gaza that has tormented Yasser Arafat, especially Sunday's rioting, which led Israel to seal off Gaza.

Unlike its predecessors, the current Israeli government is not killing the idea of peace by trying to rule permanently over nearly two million Palestinians without offering them equal citizenship or the chance to establish a separate jurisdiction.

Israel is also making cordial contacts with Arab states in North Africa and the Gulf area. Jordan would not today be a lonely adventurer in establishing relations with Israel.

When the time comes for the determination of permanent boundaries, which ought to be much less than three years away, the three peoples, Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians, will probably move toward a community relationship. Combining independence for each of them with close economic cooperation between the three, The European Union is a relevant example.

The ultimate guarantee for peace in this region lies in the creation of common regional interests with such entanglement of reciprocal advantage, and such mutual human accessibility as to put the possibility of future wars beyond rational contingency.

The writer is a former foreign minister.

Sum of an Israel-Jordan summit

MOSHE ZAK

an interim agreement. He preferred to wait a few years to re-acquire all Sinai in exchange for a peace treaty.

Jordanian willingness to reach a full peace agreement with Israel depends on American determination. In 1950, when Britain was the godmother of the Jordanian kingdom, it advised King Abdul-

tions between Jordan and Syria? How much coordination is there, and how much freedom of maneuver does Assad permit Hussein?

At Ein Avrona, the Jordanians put forward specific demands. These included changing the agreed distribution of water in their favor. They also want territory in the Arava equal in area to the

It won't be a fraternization festival, but it is a milestone in Israel-Arab relations

lah to avoid a showdown with the Arab opposition and not ratify the five-year non-aggression treaty initiated between Israel and Jordanian envoys.

However, I am sure that isn't the advice President Clinton is conveying this week to King Hussein. After three ceremonies on the White House lawn connected with the Israeli-Arab conflict (the Camp David Accords, the peace treaty with Egypt and the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles) the administration has to produce a more substantive declaration than one that expresses vague generalizations about peace and regional cooperation.

It will certainly look for something concrete to put in the Hussein-Rabin communiqué. Hussein, for his part, will need to walk a tightrope between his promise to the Syrians and the US's demand for a dramatic step justifying the supply of American weapons to Jordan.

What we are now talking about is formalizing an existing, decades-old strategic consensus.

One cannot be certain Hussein will agree to a public declaration of non-belligerence, which the Syrians could regard as a violation of his promise that Jordan won't sign a separate peace with Israel.

Unlike Israeli legal experts, Arab jurists think there is no substantive difference between non-belligerence and peace. For this reason, the late Anwar Sadat in 1975 rejected the proposal for non-belligerence as the basis for

Gaza Strip, and are waiting for an Israeli gesture as a prelude to peace.

But preliminary gestures would weaken Israel's bargaining power in concluding a peace treaty.

Israel has thus far been careful to ensure that, as long as Jordan does not sign a peace agreement, Amman is not eligible for offensive American arms. It already has Hawk missiles - stationary, not mobile - and has been denied Stinger missiles.

Before the Six Day War, Israel and Jordan came to an agreement on partial demilitarization in western Jordan. But Jordan broke the commitment, moving tanks it had received from the US to the West Bank. Since then, Washington has agreed in principle on Israeli acquiescence in any arms deal it makes with Jordan.

Will next week's White House summit change this?

POSTSCRIPTS

READER H. TOREN of Jerusalem had a letter published in *The Palestine Post* on June 22, 1944. Fifty years later, he dug it up and sent us a photocopy:

"The first three horses to finish the Derby were, as everyone knows, Ocean Swell, Teheran and Happy Landing."

"It is obvious that these three names and the order in which they arrived have a topical significance."

"First came Ocean Swell, signifying the victories of the Allies in transporting all vital supplies from the United States to Great Britain for the invasion...."

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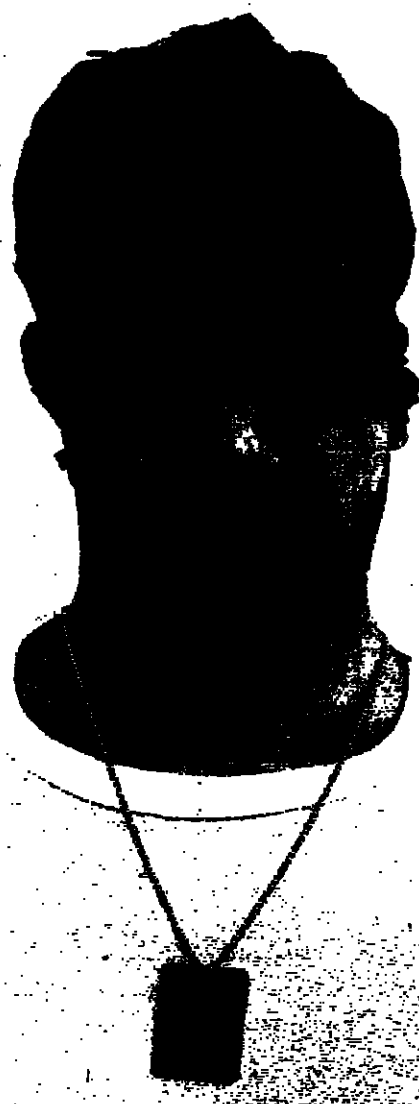
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

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IBM boosts profits by \$689m.

NEW YORK (Reuters) - International Business Machines Corp. more than halved its losses in 1994, yesterday reported sharply higher profits for the second quarter and sent its stock soaring.

The computer giant said it earned \$689 million, equal to \$1.14 a share - far above Wall Street forecasts. The results compared with a massive loss of \$8b. or \$14.10 a share, after restructuring charges in the year-ago period.

"I'm pleased with our continued progress," IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Louis Gerstner said in a statement accompanying the results. "Expenses declined sharply and our gross margin remained stable for the seventh consecutive quarter. We are still far from where we need to be, but we are showing steady improvement."

Wall Street showed its approval, boosting IBM's stock \$5.25 to \$61.125 at midday on the New York Stock Exchange.

IBM said it plans to increase its cost-cutting by \$1b. to \$8b. by 1996 due to significant re-engineering projects currently under way.

Last July, IBM said it planned

to reduce expenses by \$7b. by 1996, compared with its 1992 expenses.

As of June 30, 1994, IBM said it had reduced its expenses by \$4.8b. toward its goal.

IBM's chief financial officer told analysts in a meeting that IBM is on track to cut operating expenses by \$3.5b. this year, a previous forecast of \$3b.

"We expected to reduce our expenses by \$3b. Now our outlook is a good \$3.5b.," said Chief Financial Officer Jerome York.

York also said IBM reduced its overall headcount by 8,000 in the second quarter, part of its ongoing restructuring plan announced last July.

In the first quarter, IBM reduced personnel by 3,000, part of its plan to cut its headcount by more than 35,000 in 1994. York said the company now has about 200,000 to go to reach its goal of 215,000, including the 10,000 staffers who left the company through the sale of its Federal Systems business to Loral Corp.

"I would not get too worried about this issue," York said, referring to analyst's comments recently that the company is behind in its headcount reduction plan.

US seeks stronger dollar against the yen and mark

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Clinton administration wants the dollar to strengthen against both the Japanese yen and German mark and warned yesterday that a renewed drop in the dollar's value could threaten global recovery.

The Treasury Department made that clear in its semi-annual report to Congress on foreign exchange and in prepared Congressional testimony by Undersecretary Lawrence Summers.

"The administration believes that a strengthening of the dollar against the yen and the mark would have important economic benefits for the United States," Summers said in testimony to the Senate banking committee.

He said continuing declines in the dollar's value would adversely affect its role in the world monetary system. The dollar has recently fallen to a post-World War II low against the yen and has dropped sharply against the mark.

Summers denied the US was manipulating the dollar's exchange rate with the yen, saying Japan needed to open its markets and stimulate domestic demand to correct its current account imbalance.

However, in a separate speech to an economic conference here, Summers said officials from the

Group of Seven industrial nations agreed currency rates should not be left entirely to market forces.

And the currency report revealed that the US spent more than \$3.5 billion in three rounds of intervention in currency markets between April and June this year to prop up the dollar's value.

The currency report also singled out China for allegedly manipulating exchange rates to gain an unfair advantage in international trade. It urged the Chinese government to end restrictions on access of foreign companies to its currency markets.

It also said China "probably significantly underestimates exports." China is growing rapidly, Summers said, adding, "At the moment, China's economy continues to show clear signs of overheating."

The report said neither Korea nor Taiwan were manipulating their currencies as China does.

However, it said Washington was concerned about financial and foreign exchange policies in both Korea and Taiwan, particularly capital controls, that discourage investment and said it intends to continue negotiating for changes.

While the US was "flourishing" and Canada and Britain show "satisfactory growth," it said the rest of Europe and Japan were "comparatively weak."

Investor cancels \$90m. plant investment

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AN American Jewish investor has canceled his plans to construct a \$90 million factory in Upper Nazareth, after the Israel Lands Development Corporation suddenly jacked up the price of the plot he had intended to buy.

The investor claims the ILDC's current price is significantly higher than the price asked a month ago. Upper Nazareth Mayor Menahem Ariav has sent urgent mes-

sages to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other ministers, asking them to convince the ILDC to reduce the price of the plot. The investor had planned to construct an industrial plant on the site, expected to employ hundreds of people.

Ariav claims the investor reached an agreement with the ILDC to pay NIS 103,000 for the plot, and the

price was raised to NIS 3m. a month after the initial offer was made. The price was increased in accordance with the ILDC's new policy of raising industrial land prices. In response, however, the investor decided to cancel his plans to construct the factory.

Ariav quoted the investor as saying, "I don't want to do business with a country that does business like this."

WORLD BRIEFS

Beirut Stock Exchange panel named: The Lebanese government appointed a new Beirut Stock Exchange Committee yesterday to reopen the dormant exchange which closed in 1983 during the civil war. A committee member told Reuters the exchange could reopen before October after an 11-year gap.

The appointment of the committee ended weeks of uncertainty over the choice of its president and a behind-the-scenes struggle for control of Lebanon's re-emerging financial markets.

Bundesbank to stick to money targeting: The Bundesbank said on yesterday it was determined to keep setting targets for money growth as a key part of its anti-inflationary strategy, even though money growth has soared out of control this year.

At its last council meeting before the summer recess, the central bank also announced it was holding to this year's target for M3 money growth of four to six percent and it left its official Lombard and discount interest rates unchanged.

Nothing new at aluminum conference: The world's major aluminum producers have concluded a meeting in Australia with no new developments - an outcome that came as no surprise to analysts.

Six key economies producing the metal pledged at the two-day meeting to continue voluntary production cuts, agreed in March, which have rescued the industry from the brink of collapse.

Wellcome profits up: Wellcome Plc yesterday reported higher sales and profits in the 10 months to end-June as earnings from its blockbuster herpes drug Zovirax powered ahead.

Group profits before tax and exceptional rose 12% to £546 million in the 10 months to end-June.

Coca-Cola Co. yesterday appointed M. Douglas Ivester president, chief operating officer and director of the world's largest soft drink company.

Ivester, who was previously executive vice president and principal operating officer for Coca Cola's North America operations, succeeds Donald Keough, who retired in April 1993.

IIS profits plummet 89%

RACHEL NEIMAN

INTELLIGENT Information Systems has announced an 89 percent decrease in second quarter net profits to \$492,000 from \$4.3 million in the same period last year.

Revenues declined 32% to \$21.5m. from \$31.5m. and per share earnings dropped to \$0.04 from \$0.35.

IIS board chairman Jacob Herbst attributed the drop primarily to changes in the data communications, networking and peripherals markets, which had a

greater-than-anticipated impact on the industry as a whole.

In addition, he said, IBM's announcement of future products and new architecture in the mid-range product line "have had a delayed, adverse effect throughout the industry on customer purchase decisions."

At the end of June, IIS completed the acquisition of Adanet Communications and 80% of Sigma, a UK-based marketing and sales concern.

Thailand: Moshavim may import more workers

RACHEL NEIMAN

THAILAND will allow an additional 3,750 workers to be brought to Israel through the moshav movement, joining the 4,000 already employed here.

Thai Labor and Social Welfare Secretary Sawai Prammanee, visiting as part of an official delegation, expressed satisfaction with conditions provided by the moshav movement.

He said the group "visited various locations where Thai workers are employed, such as moshavim and kibbutzim in different parts of the country, as well as in restaurants in towns, and we are satisfied with the general conditions and have no objections to sending more Thai workers to work in Israel."

Prammanee added, however, that "I feel there will be further discussion with the moshav move-

ment with regard to appropriate wage payment, the renewal of wage contracts, welfare and safety of Thai workers, as well as the transfer of know-how."

Workers are paid the minimum wage, NIS 1,566. But from their salaries \$125 in services, insurance and the cost of a return ticket are subtracted, reducing their wages to less than NIS 1,200.

Food and work clothes are provided by employers.

These conditions have come under heavy criticism, one reason for the official visit.

Prammanee said Thai government policy does not encourage workers to seek employment abroad. Instead, Thailand would like to encourage work-study or in-service training programs in Israel, similar to those already in place in Taiwan and Japan.

Moshav movement general secretary Shalom Shimchon said negotiations were under way to make his organization the sole provider of Thai manpower to the agricultural sector.

'Annual electro-optics exports can reach \$3b.'

JUDY SIEGEL

EXPORTS of electro-optical equipment can be expanded to \$3 billion a year by 2000 if scientific infrastructure in this field is developed, Science Ministry director-general Zvi Yannai said yesterday.

During a tour of ELOP and other electro-optics industries in the science park next to the Rehovot Institute, Yannai said the world market for electro-optics is currently more than \$33b. compared to only \$12b. a decade ago.

Israel now has a 3% share of that market.

If expectations for a \$100b. market by 2000 are in fact achieved, Israel may go beyond \$3b. in electro-optics exports, Yannai said.

But in order to do so, industry and research institutes must invest in research and development, Yannai said.

Among ELOP's most promising

product is a night-vision system, it also produces lasers and advanced optical equipment.

The ministry has invested \$10 million on a space telescope, plus additional funds on equipment for the TechSat satellite being developed at the Haifa Technion.

The space telescope, said Yannai, is likely to serve as the country's calling card in the space industry, which is estimated at \$30b. annually.

"It will also lead to other products in the field of medicine, transportation and home and office equipment," Yannai said.

In the 1980s, 60 new high-tech companies, based on Israeli electro-optics and laser research, were established. Forty more were opened during the past three-and-a-half years and the pace is expected to quicken.

Yannai said the ministry will demand NIS 12m. from the Treasury for the development of scientific infrastructure in this field.

The money is earmarked for training scholarships and financing new research.

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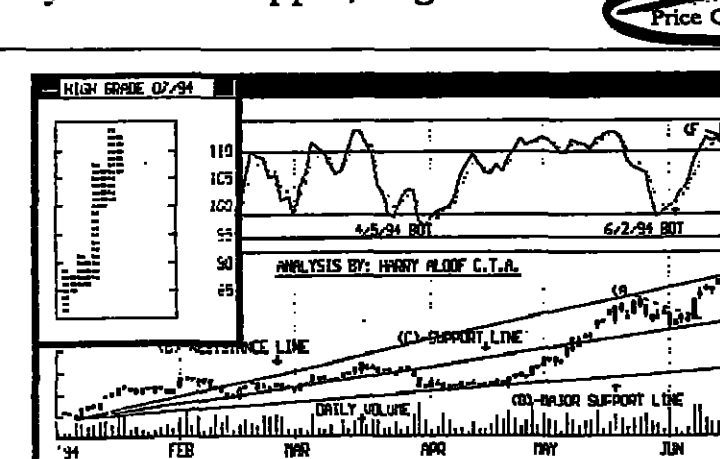
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COPPER, HIGH GRADE (JULY) EXPECTED TO RALLY ABOVE 1.22 C/LB

COPPER (JULY): after moving up and penetrating line "A" on June 7, 1994 (see chart above) prices made a high of 114.35 on June 22, 1994. What followed, was a five day decline in Copper prices to the 105.30 price level. STOCHASTIC OSCILLATOR (STOC): after forming a bearish divergence in mid-June (see chart above) STOC moved back down and is now trading in oversold territory. POINT & FIGURE: a price of 116.20 signals a reversal in trend (see chart above). Support is now at 114.35 and resistance is at 114.35. CONCLUSION: BUY COPPER, HIGH GRADE (JULY) AT 116.25 STOP. US Copper (July) is currently at 107.15 up 1.06 on June 30, 1994.

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Interest rates: Money market (RAs)	10.96%	10.95%	0.09%
(Ry)*	14.33%	14.39%	-0.42%
Escom 2020	14.27%	14.27%	0.00%
RSA 150	14.09%	14.26%	-1.19%
Prices UTL: UAL Max Income	14.45%	14.38%	0.49%
(buy) Escom 170	88.4938	88.5012	-0.01%
Guardbank	35.2307	34.8493	1.09%
UAL Gil	12.1372	12.0629	0.62%
Max Income	108.00	105.50	2.37%
Shares: De Beers	10.3723	10.3473	0.24%
(close) Vail Reef	409.00	412.00	-0.73%
Anglo American	222.50	223.50	-0.45%
Barlows	31.50	33.00	-4.55%
SA Brews	86.00	86.75	-0.86%
Sasol	27.25	25.00	9.00%
Tiger Oats	46.00	44.50	3.37%
Isacor	4.00	3.60	11.11%
JSE Actuarial Overall	5.549	5.455	1.73%

COMMENTS: Reserve Bank Governor Chris Stals made it clear that opinions differed on the scrapping of exchange controls. While there was agreement on the need to end stronger foreign reserves, a narrow gap between the financial and commercial Rands and a reduction in the pool of uninvested Fin-Rands, which he feared would leave South Africa.

He said the Reserve Bank would persist with its well-established policies of financial discipline and strict monetary control.

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New York market indexes

Index	Last	Change
DJ Industrial	7236.46	+1.21
S&P 500	1087.84	+0.23
NASDAQ	1824.44	+1.22
Nikkei	15,028.10	+1.22
NYSE	1,244.44	+0.23
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Other stock market indexes

Index	Last	Change
FTSE 100	2,512.10	+1.18
DAX	2,512.10	+1.18
Hong Kong	11,111.11	+1.18

Israeli stocks in NY

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Man commodity house goes public

LONDON (Reuters) - E.D. and F. Man, one of London's oldest commodity houses which has brought sugar to the world's dinner tables for more than two centuries, plans to go public.

The £450-million (\$700m) flotation, set for September, also breaks with tradition that commodity trade houses are tightly held in private, sometimes family, hands.

"This is all about new opportunities," said Stanley Pink, finance director of what will be called after the flotation E.D. and F. Man Group Plc.

Going public - the flotation will yield about £80m (\$123m) - will help the company get involved in projects it could never afford if it stayed private.

"This gives us a range of options, we can pay (for acquisitions) with paper and have the ability to raise capital," group managing director Harvey McGrath told Reuters.

Man began life as a family business over 200 years ago trading sugar

from the West Indies, a link which also secured the monopoly on supplying rum to the British navy until the daily rum for sailors ended in 1970.

The company, which operates in nearly 50 countries, is still best known for its trade in agricultural products from the tropics and subtropics such as sugar, cocoa, coffee, nuts and spices.

But it was Man's later involvement in financial services that helped it avoid the sometimes spectacular collapses that plagued the industry after the 1970s.

"The edge the merchant used to have, because he knew what the price was, got eroded (as information became more widely available) and had a lot to do with the demise of the trade," McGrath said.

He said the profits from its financial services - fund management is its biggest single earner - had allowed it to invest in its traditional business of agricultural products, especially in processing and distribution.

Man's involvement in financial services was not designed to shrink Amoco, but to enable it to grow," Amoco said the stock cuts will save \$600 million annually by the end of 1995.

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"In 1992, we announced the elimination of 8,500 jobs and pre-tax cost reductions totaling \$600 million," Fuller said. "While that effort was aimed primarily at reducing costs, the process announced today is designed to improve the structure of the company and how we do business."

Although Amoco has remained financially solid, Wall Street analysts said it has been hampered by a corporate bureaucracy that slowed the implementation of business decisions.

"The other companies are all doing the same thing. This is something that has been long in the making. Amoco has really fallen behind the competition in terms of operating costs," said Michael Mayer at Wertheim Shroder & Co.

Dean Witter analyst Eugene Novak said, "This is going to eliminate layers of management. It will make them a lot quicker in terms of reacting to the marketplace."

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AT&T reports 12% rise in profits

Amoco to cut jobs to save \$600 million

NEW YORK (Reuters) - AT&T Corp. said yesterday its earnings rose more than 12 percent in the second quarter to \$1.1 billion, as the world's biggest telecommunications firm benefited from strong growth in long distance services.

The company said the profits amounted to 83 cents a share, compared with earnings of \$1.0 billion, or 74 cents a share, a year earlier. Revenues climbed to \$17.8b. from \$16.4b. AT&T's stock was up 50 cents to \$53.625 in late afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

"It was a good quarter across the board," said Chairman Robert Allen. "It is heartening to see that our efforts to profitably increase revenues are yielding results in all parts of our business."

AT&T also said it aims for at least a 10 percent annual earnings growth this year.

For the second quarter, AT&T reported revenues from long distance telecommunications rose 5 percent to

\$10.34b., largely from consumer services. Calling volumes grew 7 percent in the quarter.

Product sales increased 19 percent to \$4.98b. Revenues were up for all types of network equipment, but were particularly strong for wireless products and transmission systems, AT&T said.

Sales to US telephone companies rose and international revenues jumped more than 30%, it said.

AT&T said that sales of cellular and cordless telephones were the leading contributors to growth in consumer products revenues.

AT&T said revenues from its financial services unit, which includes the AT&T Universal Card, were up \$135m. to \$723m. It said that Universal Card now has more than 13 million credit card member accounts.

The division also includes AT&T Capital Corp., one of the nation's largest equipment-leasing and financing operations.

CHICAGO (Reuters) - For the second time in two years, Amoco Corp. announced several thousand job cuts to save \$600 million annually, saying it wants to change the way it thinks and works.

The Chicago-based oil giant said yesterday it will slash 3,800 jobs. The latest move follows 8,500 job cuts in 1992 that also were aimed at saving \$600 million.

Amoco had 46,000 employees in 1993.

"We are not changing the businesses we are in," said H. Laurence Fuller, Amoco chairman and chief executive officer. "But we are fundamentally changing the way we think and the way we work so that we can become the best company in our business and a leading company in all industries."

Amoco, the nation's fourth-largest oil company, said it will take a charge of \$254 million against its second-quarter earnings. Of the total, \$146 million is for severance costs over the next 12 months. The remaining \$110 million will be for the cost of facility closings and asset dispositions.

Amoco expects to issue its second-quarter results Monday.

The heart of its plan focuses on elimination of the three operating companies and formation of 17 business units that are fully responsible for their own actions.

"We're removing an entire layer of management between the business groups and our Strategic Planning Committee, the company's senior management team," Fuller said.

"We're increasing the authority and accountability of our people in the field to make decisions and run their businesses."

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Indexes up at end of winning week

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO

Index	Last	Change
Two-Sided Index	180.10	+0.69%
Maof Index	181.23	+0.25%
Karam Index	178.34	+0.10%

WHAT started as a profit-taking session ended with all indexes up over last Wednesday. The Two-Sided Index rose by 0.7% and the Maof by 0.25%. The Karam market, where trading takes place in the morning, did not have the chance to reflect the change, and its index rose by only 0.1%. Total turnover was NIS 164 million.

The week closed with a 3.1% rise in the Two-Sided Index, 2.8% in the Maof and 2.2% in the Karam.

The low turnover did not reflect what a real profit-taking session should be. There were not that many sellers or buyers, just a few shares changing hands. In recent weeks, the buying had reflected the money managers' influence who were not that keen to sell. It was in any case difficult to talk about real profit-taking, as the declines at their worst did not exceed half a percent. The rally took place in the last two hours of trading and the market closed as it did.

The market seemed unaffected by the statements from the Bank of Israel that interest rates should rise by half a percent to a whole percent, which seemed to revive the kind of tribal warfare we witnessed a month ago when the Bank of Israel raised interest rates following another high CPI rise. The central bank will publish its monetary objectives for August next week. Nevertheless, central bank sources are suggesting that the Treasury should take steps to stop the

resurgence of inflation. At present, the Prime Rate stands at 13.3%, which is similar to the rate of inflation, and as such present interest rates do not act as an anti-inflationary instrument. In fact, preliminary indications reveal that the monetary aggregates are continuing to grow as though nothing was happening.

The possibility of a rise in interest rates should depress the market. There is only one fly in the ointment: next week is the expiry date of the July options on the Maof options market. This might make next week's trading interesting.

Most of the trading took place in the blue chips: Koor continued to be popular with a turnover of NIS5.6 million and its price rose by half a percent. One security which seemed to recover was Israel Chemicals, which rose by 2.8% on a turnover of NIS 5.2 million. Bezek declined by 0.9% on a turnover of NIS 4.8 million. Artyl rose by 4.5% in spite of maybe because Evergreen's announcement that it was looking to liquidate its holdings in the company.

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 and his family

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Rwandan refugees 'dying like flies'

GOMA, Zaire (Reuters) - Rwandan refugees stricken by cholera and exhaustion were dying by the thousands yesterday as aid workers sought desperately to stem the epidemic in filthy, overcrowded camps littered with dead.
 "People are still dying like flies," said Isabel Pardig, spokeswoman for the medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF).
 The chaos is such that no official figures are collated and aid workers attempted to estimate the number of corpses lying in Goma's streets, squares and plantations.
 "On the way here this morning we counted the dead on the road and there were 800," Dutch MSF nurse Jenneke Kruijt said, speaking at Mungu camp which has been worst hit by cholera.
 Refugees were collapsing and dying in their vomit and diarrhoea around the MSF tents where medicines short of supplies rigged up as many

intravenous drips as possible.
 Two mass graves dug by the French military near Goma airport are almost brimming over with roughly 300 bodies each and a third is filling up.
 MSF is warning that thousands could die of cholera over the next few days. The disease is highly contagious and kills within hours.
 In two other camps outside Goma, the United Nations finally managed to deliver food to refugees for the first time since one million Hutus began pouring out of northwest Rwanda more than a week ago.
 Reporters saw three World Food Program (WFP) trucks reach Mungu camp, 20 kilometers west of Goma, carrying 30 tons of maize and corn-soya flour - enough to feed about 60,000 people for a day.
 WFP spokeswoman Brenda Barton said the trucks were escorted by four armed Zairean soldiers and passed by thousands of troops of Rwanda's defeated Hutu army without incident.

UN suspends Sarajevo airlift again

GENEVA (AP) - The UN airlift to Sarajevo was suspended yesterday for the second time in two days after three planes were hit by bullets, a UN official said. An American working for the United Nations was wounded.
 A US Air Force C-141 cargo plane, a British plane, and a small UN-owned plane were hit, said Ron Redmond, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.
 Redmond said the incidents occurred soon after the resumption of the airlift, which was suspended for a half-day Wednesday when a US C-141 was hit by a bullet as it left the airport.
 "It's bad enough that this has happened two days in a row," Redmond said. "But now obviously someone down there is directly targeting these planes, and that is a major concern to us."
 An unidentified American was hit in the left thigh shortly after the UN plane took off, and was taken to Split, Croatia, for treatment. There was no word on his condition.
 Redmond said the American plane, which is based at Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany, was hit five times in two volleys as it approached the Bosnian capital with relief supplies.
 The plane landed and, without unloading its cargo, turned around and took off for Rhein-Main, said Air Force Sgt. Dale Warman, a spokesman at the base.
 A small UN plane was hit and a British plane was shot four times, Redmond said. It was unclear whether the shots all were coming from the same location.
 Redmond said UN experts had so far been unable to determine where the shot Wednesday was fired from.
 Redmond spoke in Geneva, where international mediators worked on tougher sanctions against Serbs a day after they rejected a map to divide Bosnia-Herzegovina.
 Envoy from the United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany

met among themselves in the latest phase of efforts to end 27 months of war.
 Diplomatic sources said Bosnian leader Radovan Karadzic's refusal to accept the map without conditions forced the "contact group" to refine the list of sanctions against the Serbs and rewards for the Moslem-led government.
 The Sarajevo government has agreed to the map, issued two weeks ago as a take-it-or-leave-it deal.
 Details of yesterday's discussions were not immediately made public.
 US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and their counterparts from Britain, Germany and France are scheduled to meet later this month to decide on the next steps if the Serbs don't change course before then.
 "As a last resort, we'll consider the lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnia," US Defense Secretary William Perry said in Tirana, Albania.

Blair to head UK Labor party

LONDON (Reuters) - Tony Blair, the politician most feared by the Conservative government, was voted leader of Britain's main opposition Labor party yesterday.
 Blair's overwhelming victory, in a vote by Labor lawmakers, party members and trade unions, came just 24 hours after Prime Minister John Major revamped his cabinet in an effort to take the gloss off the 41-year-old barrister's expected success.
 Blair's victory effectively launches the campaign for the next election, due by mid-1997, when the Conservatives will be bidding for their fifth successive victory.
 Right-winger Blair, 41, achieved 57 percent of the vote, pushing left-winger John Prescott (24.1%) into second place and Margaret Beckett (18.9%) into third.
 Beckett had been Labor's acting leader since John Smith died of a heart attack in May.
 Prescott was elected deputy leader in a separate vote, giving Labor a left-right axis at the top that party officials believe will satisfy traditional Socialists and attract converts from the Conservatives and minority Liberal Democrats.
 Conservative ministers admit they are concerned that Blair's good looks and common-sense views on what is wrong with British society will attract vital middle-class voters, angry at policy U-turns, tax rises and scandals involving government lawmakers.
 Blair said the Conservatives should move aside after 15 years in power. No cabinet reshuffle would be extensive enough to increase their low popularity, he said.

O.J. Simpson offers \$500,000 reward to find 'real killer'

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - O.J. Simpson offered a \$500,000 cash reward Wednesday for information helping to clear him or leading to the arrest of the "real killer or killers" of his ex-wife and her friend.
 At the same time, his defense team filed a Superior Court motion demanding that the prosecution immediately disclose any leads they have that point to his innocence.
 The former football great's personal lawyer, Leroy Taft, told reporters a toll-free number would be set up today to take information from the public. That number will be (800) 322-3632. Simpson's jersey numbers during his football career were 36 and 32.
 Simpson has pleaded not guilty to the murders and is due to be arraigned today in Superior Court.
 "First of all," Taft told reporters gathered in a mini-mall just blocks from the murder scene, "O.J. wants to confirm to the public that he is innocent of all charges in this matter, and that he is most eager to get this trial to prove his innocence to a jury of his peers."
 Secondly, the lawyer said, Simpson was retaining a leading private investigator "to find evidence for the arrest of the real killer or killers in this case."
 In a separate development, a source close to the case told Reuters Wednesday that preliminary DNA tests of blood found on Simpson's white Ford Bronco indicated that the blood was Simpson's and not those of the victims.
 Simpson's lawyers have said he cut his hand while reaching in the car to retrieve his cellular phone before leaving for Chicago.
 In the 13-page motion filed by the defense team, Simpson's lead defense attorney, Robert Shapiro, wrote, "I have learned of numerous investigative leads that suggest other unknown suspects were responsible for this crime, and there may have been deliberate efforts to falsely implicate the defendant."
 The motion claims that police and prosecutors have focused only on Simpson as the murderer and that no effort has been made to follow up leads pointing to the fact that someone else may have committed the murders.
 Shapiro wants a judge to hear the motion before today's arraignment.

Massive comet blast hits Jupiter

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 began the finale of its fiery six-day destruction in Jupiter's upper atmosphere yesterday with a blast that astonished astronomers watching from a mountain-top in South Africa.
 The explosion triggered by the comet's 16th fragment, dubbed S, was more than twice as bright as

Euro-assembly okays Santer

STRASBOURG, France (Reuters) - The European Parliament voted narrowly yesterday for Luxembourg Prime Minister Jacques Santer as president of the European Commission, averting a crisis with European Union national governments.
 The assembly voted 260-238 to support Santer's nomination for the commission job, with 23 abstentions.
 "I think that the European Parliament has shown itself worthy of the powers that have been given to it," a relieved-looking Santer told deputies just after the vote.
 Santer, a 57-year-old Christian Democrat who was no one's first choice to replace France's Jacques Delors next January, sat through a debate in which many Euro-MPs called into question his fitness for the job.
 Dutch Liberal Gijs de Vries described Santer as "a man of the past," and Belgian Socialist Raymond Dury said he had been offered "a poisoned chalice" by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who sponsored his candidacy after Britain vetoed Belgian Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene.

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Wessels leads SA's return

LONDON (AP) - A capacity house, brilliant sunshine, political dignitaries, high emotion and a century by Kepler Wessels welcomed South Africa back to the home of cricket yesterday for the first time in 29 years.
 On the field, however, the homecoming was not as happy as England took two late wickets to send the tourists to stumps at 2-4 for six on the first day of the first Test.
 The wickets of Wessels for 105 and Jonty Rhodes for 32 in the last 20 minutes turned the match England's way after the pair had led South Africa to a solid 239 for four.
 Watching the action from the VIP section of the pavilion were Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African deputy president Thabo Mbeki and four of his government ministers, British Prime Minister John Major and members of London's South African expatriate community.
 An end to South Africa's apartheid regime saw the Republic's return to international sport in 1991, a return effectively made complete by this, its first Test against England since touring here in 1965.
 Planned tours by England in 1990 and by South Africa in 1970 were canceled under extreme political pressure, and the country was completely isolated from all international sports in 1971.

Ugrumov wins stage: Indurain in lead

CLUSES (AP) - Well on his way to his fourth consecutive Tour de France title, Miguel Indurain showed he wasn't taking it easy yesterday.
 Indurain made a bold move in the final downhill portion to finish second behind Piotr Ugrumov of Latvia in the 18th stage, the last full stage in the Alps.
 Indurain gained time on his nearest pursuers - albeit just one second on second-place Richard Virenque of France - but showed he is well in command with only three days of racing left.

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division					East Division					
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	56	36	.609	-	New York	56	38	.609	-	
Montreal	57	37	.606	-	Baltimore	57	37	.606	-	
Philadelphia	45	50	.474	12.5	Boston	45	48	.484	11	
New York	44	50	.468	13	Toronto	43	50	.462	13	
Florida	40	52	.435	14.5	Detroit	42	53	.442	15	
Central Division					Central Division					
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Cincinnati	56	38	.596	-	Chicago	57	36	.613	-	
Houston	54	41	.568	2.5	Cleveland	54	37	.593	1	
Pittsburgh	45	48	.484	10.5	Kansas City	48	46	.516	9	
St. Louis	43	48	.473	11.5	Minneapolis	44	50	.468	13	
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Colorado	46	51	.474	3	California	42	54	.438	5	
San Francisco	45	51	.469	3.5	Oakland	41	53	.436	5	
San Diego	37	59	.385	11.5	Seattle	38	54	.413	7	
WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS:					WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS:					
San Francisco 9, Philadelphia 2					Baltimore-Seattle, 2 ppd., stadium damage					
Houston 2, St. Louis 0					Chicago 3, Detroit 0					
New York 5, Los Angeles 4					Milwaukee 11, Kansas City 1					
Chicago 9, Colorado 8					Toronto 9, Minnesota 2					
Montreal 5, San Diego 2					New York 1, Oakland 0					
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 4					Texas 13, Cleveland 11 (14)					
Florida 8, Cincinnati 7					California 8, Boston 4					

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 Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 4
 Florida 3, Cincinnati 7

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 Baltimore 5, Seattle 3, ppd. stadium damage
 Chicago 3, Detroit 1
 Milwaukee 11, Kansas City 1
 Toronto 9, Minnesota 2
 New York 1, Oakland 2
 Texas 13, Cleveland 11 (4)
 California 9, Boston 4

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Likud: Rabin misusing public funds

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Likud yesterday filed a police complaint charging that the Prime Minister's Office has been using public funds for personal and partisan political purposes.

In a report published yesterday by the Likud's staff for government supervision, Rabin and his bureau chief, Shimon Sheves, are suspected of "spending public funds totaling NIS 12 million on turning the Prime Minister's Office into a personal and partisan election headquarters for the 1996

elections." The report also says the renovation of the office, which was nothing but "camouflage" for altering its functions, was accompanied by an attempt to deceive the public by the apparent setting up of a team for national security - a body which in reality does not exist at all and whose head was fired a year ago.

This team, set up under the heading "increasing efficiency," was really a re-organization intended to kick out all those connected with the former prime

minister - the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir - and led to an unprecedented number of 26 political appointments in the Prime Minister's Office, the report said.

"We discovered a black hole into which a sum of NIS 2.5m. from the Knesset's finance committee disappeared, apparently for this non-existent team's activity, but actually for conducting surveys and polls for Rabin's and Labor's personal and partisan purposes," said Gil Samsonov, the Likud's staff for government supervision head.

According to the report, the physical renovation of the office cost the taxpayer some NIS 4.7m., additional information activities cost NIS 4.5m., the team for national security cost NIS 2.5m. and a budgetary addition to Rabin's bureau was NIS 1.5m.

Samsonov, who also submitted the report to the state comptroller and requested an inquiry, said the next report would focus on Sheves's activities.

Official Prime Minister's Office sources said the Likud's arguments are absurd and devoid of any factual or legal basis. The Prime Minister's Office has undergone a revolutionary change for the better, turning into an involved and initiating element in all fields concerning the national order of priorities.

The sources said the team for national security was set up in a different format than in the past, and its members have kept their regular positions, thus incurring no extra wage costs.

Shas expected to join coalition next week

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

SHAS is expected to rejoin the government next week.

After months of negotiations, understandings and pulling back at the last moment on Shas's part, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Shas's spiritual mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, finally reached an agreement.

In the new agreement, Labor promises that if the High Court of Justice harms the status quo in religious affairs, the government would initiate legislation to "mend the distortion," as it did in the case of the kosher meat law.

Labor also promised to amend the Basic Law: Human Rights after the Knesset's summer recess.

Rabin and Yosef were met last night in Yosef's office to finalize the settlement, which has already been accepted by the parties. Dozens of anti-government demonstrators stood outside the office.

Labor sources noted that for the past four months, since the previous coalition agreement was signed with Shas, the haredi party has been "sitting on the fence," mainly due to MK Aryeh Deri.

Deri, despite Yosef's wish to rejoin the coalition, kept finding reasons to delay the move, presumably to squeeze more concessions from Labor.

Another reason apparently was that he could not stand to see other Shas MKs become ministers while he is out of the cabinet, due to his impending trial.

If and when Shas enters the government, its MKs - Moshe Mailya and Aryeh Gamliel - will be appointed, respectively, religious affairs and interior ministers.

At the same time Rabin may appoint one, or even two, more Labor ministers.



Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo and Science and Arts Minister Shulamit Aloni visit the city's port area, where the municipality plans to build a center for fringe theater. The visit yesterday was part of a day-long tour of municipally-funded arts institutions. (Yael Hedei)

'ETV royalties to Channel 2 should be cut'

LIAT COLLINS

EDUCATIONAL Television would not have given up 90 minutes of broadcast time on Channel 1 had it not received promises to reduce the royalties it has to pay on Channel 2, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said yesterday.

At a meeting with the new head of ETV, Ahuva Feinmesser, and Treasury officials, Rubinstein said he was very concerned about the deficit created by the Channel 2 broadcasts because of the high royalties Channel 1 has to pay.

He called for an immediate reduction in the royalties, which currently are 30 percent.

Discussions on reducing the royalties have been continuing for several months.

"It is impossible for Educational Television to operate normally, to create and produce original programs when so many economic obstacles are placed in its way," Rubinstein said.

Convicted former Deri aide avoids jail term

ZVI Jacobson, convicted earlier this month of giving bribes while serving as an aide to former interior minister Aryeh Deri, was sentenced to six months public service, a NIS 10,000 fine and 18 months' suspended sentence yesterday by the Tel Aviv District Court.

Jacobson was convicted of bribing Lt.-Col. George Granati, who worked in the IDF draft administration, so that the latter would issue draft-exemption certificates to yeshiva students returning from abroad. Granati was acquitted of bribe-taking charges in a military

court, but was convicted of conduct unbecoming an officer and demoted.

The case involved incidents that occurred during 1989 and 1990, and Judge Oded Mudrich said the amount of time that elapsed since the offenses was one reason for the relatively light sentence.

Jacobson was convicted of helping Granati's wife get a job at the Ramat Gan municipality and seeing to it that she was paid a higher-than-usual salary. He also asked Deri to influence senior army officers to promote Granati to colonel.

Mudrich said that Jacobson's actions involved "diverting a government system from its normal

operation for the benefit of those the accused wanted to help, and exploiting the problems of a public servant, Officer Granati, to force him into ties of great indebtedness to the accused."

Jacobson's lawyer, Avigdor Feldman, argued that the fact Granati was acquitted of the bribery charges should be taken into account in sentencing his client, adding that the person who did the bribing should not receive a worse sentence than the person who took the bribe. However, the prosecution argued that anyone guilty of bribery deserved a "harsh and deterring punishment."

In sentencing Jacobson, Mudrich said he had taken into account the fact that the accused had no criminal record, that his wife was expecting their eighth child, and that he had expressed remorse for his actions. (Tim)

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Ramon: I won't initiate return to Labor party

MICHAEL YUDELMAN and AMIR ROZENBLIT

HISTADRUT Secretary-General Haim Ramon will not initiate his return to Labor, he told the party's Kfar Hayarok circle yesterday, after its members called on him to return to the party.

Ramon, once the leader of the group, addressed it at Beit Berl for the first time since he was expelled from Labor in the spring. In response to the members' request that he return to the party fold, Ramon reiterated that it was Labor's leaders who acted to oust him from the party and therefore they must initiate his return. He said that he himself will not push to return to the party.

Although Ramon's spokeswoman had invited the press to the meeting, Ramon insisted on journalists leave before he would agree to speak.

Group leader MK Hagai Moron proposed that the party leadership revoke the expulsion letters sent to Ramon and MKs Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avishai, who together with Ramon formed the Ram list and ran against Labor in the Histadrut elections. Other members pointed out that the party's political bureau has already called on the mavericks to "come home."

Meanwhile, late Wednesday night, at a meeting of Beersheva's Histadrut council, Ramon revealed that the labor federation's publishing house, Sifri, was running a NIS 15 million deficit.

"I don't know how, why and where, but every day I am discovering another Histadrut body that is suffering a deficit," Ramon said angrily. "And we are never talking about small sums, and I doubt that I've uncovered everything yet. At Sifri the situation is terrible; for all intents and purposes, it is bankrupt."

He reiterated that he wanted the Histadrut to concentrate on representing its members, and sell off many of its assets.

"The main thing we will do to maintain programs I think we must maintain - like education, culture, youth programs, and sports - is to create a foundation funded by [sale of] Histadrut property that is no longer serving the Histadrut. We will not keep any assets that are not paying dividends or returns."

Labor, Ram to settle Histadrut portfolios

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivli and former Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld are to meet today to decide which Labor members of the Histadrut's executive bureau are to receive senior Histadrut positions.

On Sunday, the Histadrut's executive committee is to convene to elect the new executive bureau, so the portfolio distribution among the coalition factions must be settled by then.

By last night, Labor had not yet decided officially whether to choose to head the trade union section or the organization and labor council section, but indications are it has decided to take the organization section. This would leave enable Ram's MK Amir Peretz to take the helm of the trade union section.

In addition to the organization and labor council section - if that is what Labor has indeed chosen - the party will head the administration and personnel section, and the education and instruction section. Ram will have the Histadrut treasury, social security and welfare sections.

Rabin, Zivli and Haberfeld are to decide today whether to give the senior portfolio to Meir Gutt or Pnini Shomer. Haberfeld, it appears, will not get a portfolio, although he may retain the title of Labor's Histadrut faction chairman.

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